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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

To: Commissioner FCC

I would like to report a very objectionable scene from one TV program that I watched today on Channel 10 locally here in Columbus Ohio, which is the CBS affiliate.

The program was on, I believe from 1:30 to 2:00 PM EST. The name of the program was, As The World Turns.

The objectionable scene took place in a male strip tease bar with an individual (male) doing some kind of very suggestive semi-nude dance in front of an audience comprised mostly of women.

I have young grandchildren who watch TV, (I know their parents would not allow them to view such a program, but they cannot be watched 24 hours a day). And there are tens of thousands of other children at home during this time period who would be exposed to such trash.

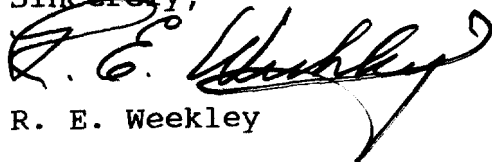
That scene, and others like it, have NO PLACE in network television! I would hope that some reprimand is in order for this program and all involved with it, the producers and directors, and others associated with it. It is my understanding in speaking with others that this is rather mild compared to some of the filth allowed to be shown over daytime TV.

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It is high time something be done about it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. E. Weekley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

R. E. Weekley

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Seattle Academy for Family Television:
Promoting smart TV viewing

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Dear Commissioner Barrett.

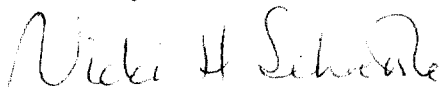
I am writing as the Chairperson for the Seattle Academy For Family Television, a citizen's group which promotes smart TV viewing. But we can only promote watching programs that are 'smart' if such programming is available. That is why we feel it is imperative that the FCC strengthens the rules of the Children's Television Act of 1990. Indeed, six years with the Act has taught us that the definition of "educational and informational" must really be clarified so that present day cartoons cannot pass for 'educational'.

I am also concerned that only standard length, regularly scheduled educational programs can qualify to meet a station's 'core' programming obligations under the Act, and that that programming air between the hours of 7AM and 10 PM.

I am feeling somewhat hopeful that at last people are waking up to the reality that television functions as a teacher to a myriad of children, and the lessons that they are learning do not contribute much to their functioning as contributing citizens in our society. I am certainly not in favor of censorship, but I feel strongly that we need to open discussion in this country to what are realistic guidelines for this very powerful industry. What are its responsibilities, not only to our children, but to our society. It pains me to realize that we loan these airwaves to the networks, and I don't feel we get in return very much of what we deserve.

Thank you for your efforts to enable the networks to fulfill a role in our culture that they can be proud of.

Sincerely,



Vicki H. Schoettle
Director
Seattle Academy for Family Television

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